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SUBJECT: YUGOSLAV CHARGE PROTESTS ATTACK ON UN MISSION

1. YUGOSLAV CHARGE PETKOVIC VISITED ASSISTANT SECRETARY VEST AT 6:15 P.M. ON JUNE 14 TO LODGE A FORMAL PROTEST OF THE CROATIAN TERRORIST ASSAULT ON THE YUGOSLAV UN MISSION EARLIER THAT DAY. BEFORE THE CONVERSATION BEGAN, THE ACTING SECRETARY TELEPHONED THE CHARGE AND EXPRESSED OUR DEEP REGRET, OUR CONCERN FOR THE INJURED MAN, AND OUR DETERMINATION TO PUNISH THOSE RESPONSIBLE. PETKOVIC RECALLED THE NUMEROUS ACTS OF TERRORISM IN THE LAST FEW YEARS AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT EFFECTIVE MEASURES WOULD BE TAKEN TO PREVENT ANY REPETITION.

2. PETKOVIC OPENED THE CONVERSATION WITH VEST BY SAYING
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HE HAD INSTRUCTIONS FROM FOREIGN SECRETARY MINIC TO LODGE A FORMAL PROTEST TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT BECAUSE OF THIS TERRORIST ACT AGAINST THE YUGOSLAV MISSION ON THE TERRITORY OF THE U.S. AND BECAUSE OF THE SERIOUS INJURY TO A YUGOSLAV OFFICIAL. PETKOVIC SAID HE HAD JUST BEEN INFORMED BY UN AMBASSADOR PETRIC THAT THE TERRORISTS HAD BEEN RECOGNIZED BY THE YUGOSLAV EMPLOYEES AND ARE WELL

KNOWN TO THE NEW YORK POLICE. HE FURTHER NOTED THAT THE UN MISSION SECURITY OFFICER HAD INFORMED AUTHORITIES IN

NEW YORK ONLY THE DAY BEFORE OF THE DANGER THAT SOMETHING MIGHT BE ATTEMPTED AGAINST THE MISSION. PETKOVIC ALSO RECALLED THAT HE HAD EARLIER ADVISED EE DIRECTOR ANDREWS, ALTHOUGH IN MORE GENERAL TERMS, ABOUT THE DANGER TO YUGOSLAV MISSIONS AROUND THE WORLD DUE TO THE CSCE MEETINGS.

3. PETKOVIC CONTINUED THAT THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TERRORIST ACT AGAINST THE YUGOSLAVS IN THE U.S., BUT HE HOPED IT WOULD BE THE LAST. HE SAID THE GOY EXPECTS US TO TAKE EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO PUNISH THE TERRORISTS AND TO STOP TERRORISM "AT ITS ROOTS". HE SAID A LIST OF KNOWN TERRORISTS HAD BEEN GIVEN US A YEAR AGO AND IT IS ALWAYS THE SAME ONES INVOLVED IN TERRORIST ACTIONS.

4. PETKOVIC EXPRESSED THE PERSONAL VIEW THAT THE USG SHOULD MAKE A PUBLIC CONDEMNATION OF THIS TERRORIST INCIDENT AS WELL AS THE OTHERS. PETKOVIC SAID HE PERSONALLY APPRECIATED VEST'S TELEPHONE CALL TO HIM AND THAT OF THE ACTING SECRETARY. HE REITERATED THAT FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR RELATIONS IT IS NECESSARY TO CUT THE ROOTS OF THIS TERRORISM.

5. VEST RESPONDED BY EMPHASIZING THAT WE WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE UNDER THE LAW TO CONTROL POTENTIAL TERRORISTS. HE NOTED THAT THE TWA HIJACKERS HAVE BEEN CONFIDENTIAL

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VICTED AND FACE VERY SERIOUS PENALTIES. HE OBSERVED THAT IN THE PRESENT INCIDENT THE TERRORISTS HAD RUSHED THE BUILDING AND SHOT ONE MAN SERIOUSLY. PETKOVIC THEN INTERJECTED THAT, ACCORDING TO YUGOSLAV INFORMATION, THERE ARE SERBIAN-CHETNIK GROUPS AND CROATIAN-USTASHA GROUPS IN THE WASHINGTON AREA ALSO. VEST REPLIED THAT PETKOVIC KNOWS THAT WE CANNOT PUT PEOPLE IN JAIL UNLESS THEY COMMIT A CRIME. THE IMPORTANT THING IS TO ENFORCE THE LAW AND PUNISH VIOLATORS. THAT IS WHY THE PENALTIES FOR THE TWA HIJACKING ARE SO SEVERE. IT IS GOOD THE THREE TERRORISTS THIS TIME HAVE ALSO BEEN APPREHENDED, AND THEY ARE CERTAIN TO FACE STIFF PENALTIES. WE TAKE THESE MATTERS VERY SERIOUSLY, JUST AS WE REGARD RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES WITH THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE. THE SECRETARY EXPRESSED THIS TO FOREIGN SECRETARY MINIC IN PARIS, AND THIS WAS ALSO THE MESSAGE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT DURING THE VISIT TO BELGRADE.

6. THE TERRORISTS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS MARIJAN

BUCONJIC, 28, OF NEW YORK, JOZO BREKALO, 30 OF ST. LOUIS,
AND VLADIMIR DIZDAR, 23, OF CHICAGO. THEY HAVE RE-
PORTEDLY BEEN BOOKED ON CHARGES OF ATTEMPTED MURDER,

ASSAULT, BURGULARY, AND WEAPONS POSSESSION. THERE IS
ALSO REPORTEDLY A VIOLATION OF FEDERAL LAW PROTECTING
FOREIGN INSTALLATIONS. THE DEPARTMENT WILL ISSUE A
STATEMENT CONDEMNING THE TERRORIST INCIDENT. WE WILL
SEND TEXT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. CHRISTOPHER

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